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## EDITORIAL NOTES.

To all of our readers, Greeting! May the year deal kindly with you, and bring you much that is good and little that is of sorrow or trouble; may the spirit of peace and harmony prevail with you throughout the year, and may the mantle of jealousy drop from you as a rag that is worn out; may charity, justice and brotherly love guide you always in your thoughts of and your relations with your fellow practitioners of medicine; may it bring an end to bickerings and dissensions, and, departing, may the year leave with you a better stored mind, contentment with yourself and your fellows, and the inward knowledge from which comes peace of mind, of a twelve-month of good, honest work, done with the very best that is in you and to the betterment of at least a portion of mankind. Give of your time and your brains the best you have to your medical society, that, in so giving, you may unselfishly help the entire medical profession and the people who are dependent upon it for health and protection; where there is an active and industrious medical society, there will you find good doctors and responsive and grateful patients. Let no word of idle slander or supposititious criticism of a colleague pass your lips; if you can not speak well of a brother physician, speak not at all, for when you slander another physician you hurt yourself as well, and the entire profession is belittled in the eyes of the people. May your interest in your medical society work increase with the passing months, and may the year close upon a more closely united and more intimately related medical

profession, thus giving to the people of our State the very best medical supervision. May happiness be with you, one and all.

With this issue the JOURNAL enters upon its sixth volume, and it bespeaks a continuance of that friendly help and co-operation which you have given it in the past years, for the present year, and for those to come.

That it has prospered more than, six years ago, we could have thought possible, is largely due to your aid and your assistance. The Publication Committee extends to you its sincere thanks for the hearty manner in which you have supported all of its policies, and the appreciation which, from time to time, you have shown of its work and its efforts to put in your hands each month a little something that may help you. We ask you to continue this support and to extend it. With this issue nearly every advertisement of a medicinal preparation that has not been approved by the Council on Pharmacy and Chemistry has been dropped. One or two, for which the contracts have yet a month or so to run, remain; but they will not appear after the expiration of the contracts, unless approved by the Council. Of course there is no particular credit to be claimed for adopting this standard for our advertising pages—it is merely the final outcome of the five years' fight which your JOURNAL has waged upon the nostrum business. What we desire to call to your attention is the fact that eliminating all this unapproved material, makes our advertising pages of more value to you, and also to the advertisers who remain—and we want you to let them know it by taking an increased interest in the announcements of manufacturers which appear in our pages. Will you help us in this way?

To speak with thinly veiled sarcasm of one who has worked hard and long and conscientiously for the benefit of the people and the betterment of a learned profession, does not reflect any considerable degree of credit upon the critic. It is therefore with no degree of pleasure that one reads an editorial in the last issue of the *Southern California Practitioner*, entitled "Tait de trop," for the editorial, even though it speaks highly of the work that Dudley Tait has done for the elevation of our profession, conveys its sting of sarcasm not so much in the tail as in the head. The work that Tait started some six or seven years ago, and which has created no small amount of antagonism and ill-feeling toward himself, is now recognized as the very one essential thing in the elimination of fraud from medical education—the thorough and rigid investigation of medical schools and preliminary educational requirements. We have seen enough in the past few years of revelations, here in California, and as a result of the work of the Council on Medical Education all over the United States, to know that without good medi-